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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 70 with the following paragraph:

[0070]   In operation, a technician can enter a new version of access point 143 software into the memory 161 of server 153. This may be done by manually accessing the server 153 and providing a diskette, etc.; by downloading the software from a vendor, development department or the like; or other means. The access point 143 is programmed to automatically and periodically (e.g. once a day) shut down normal operation and check with the server 153 to ascertain the current version of access point software loaded in the server memory 161 ~~[Is it necessary to shut down operation? Which is preferable?]~~. If the current version 167 in the server 153 memory 161 is not the same as the version 169 in the access point 143, the access point 143 loads the current version 167 into RAM 149, replacing the old version. This automatic, periodic upgrading process avoids the need to physically access the access point sites, such as items 47 and 49 at FIG. 2, which as explained above may be in remote and difficult to access places.